

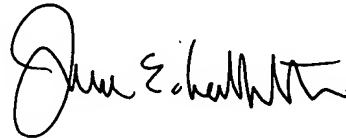
REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 14-24, which better define the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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